



Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

Headteacher: Lorna Elkes

Newsletter 9th December 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Coming up...

Tuesday 7th December - visiting Pantomime - postponed till January

Wednesday 15th December - Christmas Lunch in school

Tuesday 21st December - Last day of term school ends 1:30pm

Last week, all the children had the opportunity to see Moon rocks. We had a top secret delivery on Monday, that was collected on Friday. Inside were a range of meteors and samples from space and the Moon's surface. Each class had the chance to explore the samples.

Gardening club

The children have created some wonderful festive decorations using natural materials.



School production

Given the increase of Covid cases locally and in our community, we will no longer be inviting parents or visitors into school to view the production. As last year we will record the production and share that with you, once it has been edited. The children were told this today.

If you do not want your child included in the filming please inform the school office by this Friday as filming will begin next week.

Costumes:

Class 1 - a piece of gold or silver tinsel each child and white leggings

Girls: we will provide dresses,

Boys: a plain white pillow case that we can cut for arm holes to make a tunic.

Class 2 - dark leggings and dark top if possible brown tunic or waistcoat.

Class 3 - dark trousers or leggings, overly large shirt (any colour), belt, head scarf (bright colour). Swords and cutlasses if you have any.

Class 4 - *pirates*: dark trousers or leggings, overly large shirt (any colour), belt, head scarf (bright colour). Swords and cutlasses if you have any.

Darlings boys and Mr Darling: white shirt and black trousers.

Lost boys (street urchins): trousers/Leggings tatty T-shirt or shirt.

Dog: leggings dark T-shirt and leggings

Croc: green T-shirt and Leggings possible

If your child's character isn't mentioned above the school is able to provide the costume.

End of Term Service.

The children will still enjoy an end of term service whereby they reflect on the story of The Nativity however, we will not be inviting visitors or parents to attend.

Santa Run

Next Thursday, our school will be supporting Herts Young Homeless by completing a 'Santa Run' in place of the Daily Mile.

We ask that everyone who takes part donates £2, so that HYH can continue to be able to support and help vulnerable young people in need in Hertfordshire.

In return, each child will get their own Santa hat to wear while running, which they will then get to keep, plus a medal for their efforts.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Christmas Cards.

Our school post box will be up and running next week if children want to bring in Christmas cards for their friends.

Covid update

Following on from my letter earlier this week, we now have more pupils with Covid than we have had so far this term. It is really important to remember that until now we have been very lucky with Covid cases, compared to other schools locally. I would also remind you that Covid cases in the local communities in Berkhamsted, Tring and Hemel Hempstead have also risen more recently.

To aid us with controlling the spread, could I remind you that social distancing should be maintained within the school grounds as much as possible when you drop off or pick up your children; on behalf of myself and my staff we would all feel much more reassured if you were also to wear face coverings within school grounds.

I have been in touch with Hertfordshire Covid response team who have assured me that having implemented our plan, we are more than meeting the expected measures that they would recommend. We will continue to monitor the situation closely.

As per my letter, I would strongly recommend that you make use of the free lateral flow tests for your family. These can be collected from chemists or ordered via <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Should you need to report a case of covid-19 please do use our Covid email Covidnotice@littlegaddesden.herts.sch.uk or the school office admin@littlegaddesden.herts.sch.uk

Herts music service

If your child has music lessons via Herts music, could you please complete the survey <https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/HMSHaveYourSay2021/>

Clubs:

Please find attached information about French and Football clubs for next term. All other clubs are staying the same for next term. Full details and dates will be issued next week.

Staffing update

As we near the end of the term, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Brine and Mrs Gervaise-Jones. I would like to thank them for being such a successful part of our team. I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Patel, who had her baby earlier this year, will be returning in January. She will be joining the class 2 team. Mrs Craft, who has been supporting Class 4, will be working with them from January for the rest of the year. We also welcome Mr Thompson as part of our support team.

Wishing you all a warmer and drier weekend.

Lorna Elkes
Headteacher

Attached:

- French Club flyer Spring Term 2022.docx.pdf
- Little Gaddesden - Football - Years 1 & 2 - Wednesday LC - SP22.pdf
- Little Gaddesden - Football - Years 3 to 6 - Wednesday ASC - SP22.pdf

Message from The Friends of Little Gaddesden School

The friends were delighted with the support at last week's Christmas Fair and the money raised; particularly by the silent auction. Full details will be shared next week.

Thanks for all your continued support!

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